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VOTER INFORMATION SHEET

ARTICLE 1: BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADES CONSTRUCTION To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the implementation of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan recommendations; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto.

INITIATOR: Board of Selectmen

SPONSOR: DPW Director

***COMMENTARY:** The DPW has applied for State Revolving Fund (SRF) monies to assist in the funding of the implementation of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan recommendations. Upgrades at the WWTF and West River Pump Station are required for compliance with the USEPA NPDES discharge permit. Passage of this article will allow the Town to remain in compliance with a schedule outlined in consent order Docket No. 14-003 issued by USEPA and better position ourselves for 2% and 0% funding through the SRF program and the Water Pollution Abatement Trust.*

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,800,000 for the purpose of financing the construction associated with the implementation of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan recommendations including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$44,800,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other applicable general or special law and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended; that such bonds or notes shall be issued as general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local wastewater system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as amended; that the Treasurer with the approval of any other enabling authority of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount pursuant to Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, or all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C, as amended; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project.

WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO

A YES VOTE would allow the town to continue to meet a consent order schedule that was negotiated with US EPA in 2014 to avoid being fined for not meeting its NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit.

A NO VOTE would put the town in a position where it would be unable to meet its consent order schedule, permit and would be at a high risk for catastrophic equipment failure and as a result would face the prospect of fines, a loss of eligibility for 0% financing, legal fees and the requirement to perform construction upgrades under a schedule directed by US EPA.